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Iraqi Forces Capture High-Level Insurgent Leader in Baghdad

BALAD, Iraq –Iraqi Army forces conducted an early morning raid on June 21 in the Kadhamiyah district of western Baghdad, capturing one high-level insurgent as part of the "Together Forward" Baghdad security plan.

Iraqi Army forces, with coalition advisers in support, raided two areas in the Shula neighborhood of Baghdad and captured Noori Abu Hayder Al-Oqabi.

Noori is the leader of an assassination cell in Baghdad. Additionally, he recently became the head of a "punishment committee" that executes vigilante judgment on perceived enemies of his organization. Noori and his followers are responsible for kidnapping, torturing and murdering innocent Iraqis in four separate Baghdad districts including the kidnapping and murder of 14 Iraqi Army soldiers this past May.

Iraqi forces also detained one other individual during the raid.

No Iraqi or coalition forces were injured during this operation.

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